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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The restricted coastal zone in Latvia began at the Latvian-Lithuanian border and continued to a point near Kolkastrags (N 57-35, E 22-34). This general restricted zone was set up prior to the establishment of Lepaya as a fortress city and the subsequent establishment of restricted zones in and near the city. There was no specific depth to the restricted zone, but it had been established to include all communes (selsovets) bordering the sea.
2. The Tosmare shipyard was now called Lepayskiy Morskoy Zavod. There was a floating dry dock in the Free Harbor and a second floating dry dock in the shipyard.
3. The border guard headquarters was located at Ulrika-iela, Kurmajas Prospekts. The Office of Forest Administration was located on the same street, but nearer the center of town.
4. A guard station was located at the center entrance of Lepaya harbor, on the south side of the mole.
5. No large buildings were constructed in the Lepaya harbor area between 1947 and 1952. Nor were there any increases in railroad facilities in the area during that period. In 1951 a new cement building which appeared to be a barracks was constructed in the area marked 1 on the sketch map, page 3. In spring 1952 an unusual cistern was constructed at the place marked 2 on the map, page 3. This cistern was egg-shaped and covered by a roof.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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6. Naval personnel were constructing a large building at the beach at the end of Kurmajas Prospekts. Three stories of the building had been completed and it was thought that it would be used either as a barracks or as an apartment building for naval personnel. It was also rumored that a barracks would be constructed in the Schrebergarten (allotment garden) area of Lake Lepaya and that civilians living in the area would be evacuated.

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7. [REDACTED] the population of Lepaya, [REDACTED] it was much larger than before the war. The increase resulted chiefly from the influx of Russians to the city. They now make up one-half or more of the total population. There was a great housing shortage, since almost no buildings had been constructed since the war and the center of the city was still in ruins. Each resident of Lepaya was permitted 8.5 square meters of living space.

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8. Only border guard units and intelligence troops were stationed in Lepaya, although numerous naval and air force personnel were seen on the streets of Lepaya. [REDACTED]

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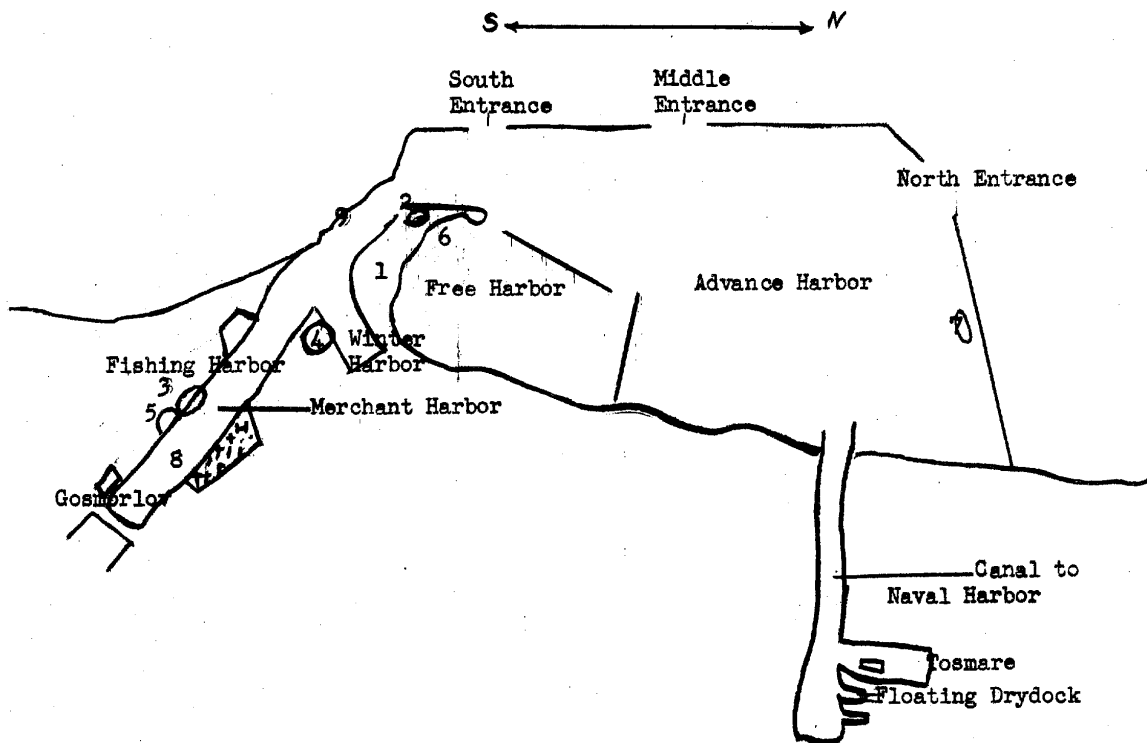
9. All Russians who were living in Lepaya during summer 1951 without visible means of support were forced to leave Latvia for the interior of the USSR.

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SKETCH MAP OF LEPAYA HARBOR

NO SCALE

Legend

1. Cement building constructed 1951
2. Cistern
3. Crane, 50-ton Titan
4. Three cranes used in loading coal
5. Two cranes
6. Floating drydock
7. "Ghost Ship" (radio-controlled vessel)
8. Tanker GROZNIY
9. Coast Guard ship ZORKIY and second smaller Coast Guard ship.

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